

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended): A method for protecting skin comprising:
spraying on the skin of a subject in need thereof a liquid skin protective composition
having a water content not more than 10 wt.% and comprising ingredients (A) and (B):
(A) 3 to 50 wt.% of a block copolymer having a linear polysiloxane-polyoxyalkylene
block as a structural unit and having an HLB not more than 4,
(B) at least one kind of oil selected from the group consisting of mineral oils,
vegetable oils, animal oils, synthetic oils and organopolysiloxanes other than the ingredient
(A);
wherein ingredient (B) comprises the following oil ingredients (B-1) and (B-2):
(B-1) 30 to 80 wt.% of an oil ingredient selected from the group consisting of at least
one of volatile organopolysiloxane and volatile liquid isoparaffin, having a volatility of not
less than 0.2 mg/cm²hr;
(B-2) 30 to 60 wt.% of an oil ingredient selected from the group consisting of at least
one of methylpolysiloxane, liquid paraffin, squalane, safflower oil, isopropyl myristate, and
fatty acid triglyceride
~~The method of claim 11, wherein said protective composition is applied by spraying it~~
~~onto the skin.~~

13.-19. (Cancelled)

20. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein the volatile organopolysiloxane described as the ingredient (B-1) is at least one of decamethylcyclopentasiloxane or volatile liquid isoparaffin.

21. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein the volatile organopolysiloxane described as the ingredient (B-1) is decamethylcyclopentasiloxane.

22. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein ingredient (B-2) is at least one selected from the group consisting of methylpolysiloxane, liquid paraffin and squalene.

23. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein said composition has a water content not more than 1 wt.%.

24. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein the ingredient A is a block copolymer represented by the following formula (1):



(wherein, R represents a monovalent hydrocarbon group free of an aliphatic unsaturated group, A represents an alkylene group having from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, "b" stands for a number of from 4 to 100, "b" pieces of AO may be the same or different, "c" stands for a number of from 2 to 40, "a" stands for a number of from 4 to 100, and Y represents a divalent organic group bound to the adjacent silicon atom via a carbon-silicon bonded and to the polyoxyalkylene block via an oxygen atom).

25. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein the liquid skin protective composition contains ingredient (A) and ingredient (B) at a (A)/(B) weight ratio of from 3/10 to 60/100.